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BEARS OF THE CHAPARRAL LECTURE AT SOLVANG LIBRARY **Sedgwick Reserve Director to Talk About Her Field Study**

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The Santa Ynez Valley Natural History Society is hosting "Bears of the Chaparral," a free lecture on Thursday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the Solvang Library, 1745 Mission Drive.

This talk by University of California Sedgwick Reserve Director Kate McCurdy will chronicle the lives of wild black bears in the Santa Ynez Valley region. She will draw on her years of field work with bears, and share her observations about these "mystical" creatures. The presentation will include fascinating recent images from the Reserve's remote cameras, known as "critter cams." This program is suitable for ages 10 and up.

McCurdy attended UC Davis and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo before completing her M.S. in Natural Resource Management at California State University-Humboldt in 2006. Prior to coming to the University of California she was a wildlife biologist with the National Park Service and oversaw the bear study program at Yosemite, tracked coyotes and mountain lions in the Santa Monica Mountains, and worked with the endangered Channel Island Fox recovery program on Santa Rosa and San Miguel Islands.

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